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SUBJECT: INS PRESS RELEASE

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE AT NOON ON AUGUST 5;

2. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS EXPANDED THE CATEGORIES OF VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN REFUGEES ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE INTO THE UNITED STATES TO INCLUDE SOME WHO DID NOT MEET EARLIER CRITERIA AND HAS ALSO EXTENDED THE PAROLE TO INCLUDE LAOTIANS WHO HAVE FLED THEIR COUNTRY. THE EXPANSION OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PAROLE CATEGORIES AND INCLUSION OF THE LAOTIANS WERE AT THE

REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

3. ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWARD H. LEVI SAID THE EXTENSION OF THE PAROLE SHOULD HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REFUGEES TO BE PERMANENTLY RESETTLED IN THE UNITED STATES. THAT NUMBER IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN AT OR VERY NEAR 130,000, WHICH IS THE FIGURE DISCUSSED EARLIER WITH CONGRESS.

4. THE EXPANDED PAROLE WILL ALLOW THE INCLUSION OF VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN REFUGEES IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHO DID NOT MEET EARLIER CRITERIA. THEY WERE NOT EVACUATED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT; THEY WERE NOT ABOARD THE FLOTILLA OF VESSELS ON THE HIGH SEAS AT THE TIME OF THE COLLAPSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THEY WERE NOT KNOWN TO BE IN THIRD COUNTRIES AT THE TIME OF PRIOR DISCUSSIONS WITH CONGRESS CONCERNING PAROLE.

5. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THAT MANY OF THESE ARE RELATED TO REFUGEES ALREADY PAROLED INTO THE UNITED STATES. THE ADDITIONAL PAROLE AUTHORITY IS LIMITED TO THOSE VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIANS WHO LEFT THEIR COUNTRIES BETWEEN MARCH 15 AND JULY 1.

6. THE LAOTIANS ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE ARE FORMER MEMBER OF THAT COUNTRY'S GOVERNMENT, FORMER U. S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, MILITARY OFFICIALS AND OTHERS WHO HAVE FLED THEIR COUNTRY BECAUSE OF FEAR OF PERSECUTION. MOST ARE IN THAILAND.

7. IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE COMMISSIONER LEONARD F. CHAPMAN, JR., SAID ALL THE REFUGEES WILL BE SCREENED ABROAD BEFORE ENTERING THE UNITED STATES TO ASSURE THEY MEET THE PAROLE CRITERIA AND ARE ADMISSIBLE TO THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE LAW. BEFORE THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER IT MUST ALSO BE DETERMINED THAT THE REFUGEES ARE UNABLE TO SETTLE PERMANENTLY IN EITHER THE COUNTRY OF CURRENT LOCATION OR SOME OTHER COUNTRY. KISSINGER

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